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CSD TO SELL TAXICAB LICENSES AT PUBLIC ACTION

The Miami-Dade County Consumer Services Department (CSD) will hold a public auction this Friday, November 22 for the sale of two taxicab licenses to the highest bidder. The Auction will take place at the plaza of the Miami-Dade County Main Library at 101 West Flagler Street in Downtown Miami starting at 1:00 p.m.

The bidding will begin at \$100.

The two taxicab licenses became available after it was determined that the previous holders did not meet and/or violated the requirements of the Miami-Dade County Code which regulates the issuance and operation of said taxicab licenses. This led to the CSD taking action to revoke the licenses, an action which was subsequently upheld at an administrative hearing. The Code provides that when a license is revoked it shall be sold at public auction.

Proceeds realized from the auction, after expenses of the sale and all costs incurred by the County have been met, shall be paid to the lien holder(s) and the balance, if any, shall be paid to the person whose interest in the taxicab license has been revoked.

Prospective bidders can obtain a bid registration form at the CSD offices at 140 West Flagler Street up to 12 noon on the day of the auction. This form must be completed and handed in before the auction.

The successful bidders will be required to pay five percent on the day of the auction and the balance within seven days. They will have 90-days to begin operating a taxicab in Miami-Dade County in keeping with the various provisions of the Code, or to transfer the license to a taxicab chauffeur.

CSD's Division Director for Passenger Transportation Regulation, Joe Mora, has advised interested parties to "secure funding through pre-approval or other necessary measures prior to Friday's public auction." This, he said, would allow the successful bidders to expedite the process and make the best use of the 90-day grace period.

Visit the Miami-Dade County Consumer Services Department website at www.miamidade.gov/csd/.

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The Miami Dade Consumer Services Department is an agency of Miami-Dade County government that protects consumers through complaint mediation, business regulation, and consumer education. The Department operates the Consumer Hotline (305) 375-3677, a central telephone number for consumer complaints and information.